

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A communication method used in a group call communication in which communication is performed among a plurality of members belonging to a predetermined group, the method comprising the steps of:

at a transmitting end,

encoding the whole of an inputted analog voice signal regardless whether the signal is in an uttered section or an unuttered section to generate voice data;

sequentially inputting the generated voice data to be a transmission object, and discriminating whether [[the]] a voice which is indicated by the inputted voice data is silent;

replacing the voice data which is discriminated that it indicates silent voice with data of identifying [[of]] the group; and

performing wireless transmission of the replaced data of identifying the group, with voice data indicating voice, at a transmitting end; and

at a receiving end,

receiving [[the]] a signal to be wireless which has been wirelessly transmitted;

discriminating the voice data and the data of identifying the group;

determining whether or not the received signal is to be reproduced, on the basis of the discriminated data of identifying the group; and

when it is determined that the received signal is to be reproduced, reproducing voice data for voice data sections and reproducing silence for sections of the data of identifying the group.

12. (Currently Amended) The communication method according to claim 11, wherein the transmitting end further comprises a step of forming a transmission frame from the voice data and the replaced data of identifying the group, the step setting a steal flag which shows the presence of the voice data at the time of transmission; and

wherein the receiving end further comprises a step of discriminating the presence of the replaced data of identifying the group on the basis of the steal flag in the received signal.

13. (Currently Amended) A receiving method used in a group call communication in which communication is performed among a plurality of members belonging to a predetermined group, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving by a reception unit a wireless transmitted signal including data of identifying the group and voice data of representing voice, the data of identifying the group replacing signal voice data indicative of silence;

discriminating by a reception unit the voice data and the data of identifying the group in the received signal;

determining by a reception unit whether or not the received signal is to be reproduced, on the basis of the data of identifying the group; and

when it is determined that the received signal is to be reproduced, reproducing voice data for voice data sections and reproducing silence for sections of the data of identifying the group, by using a reproduction unit.

14. (Previously Presented) A receiving apparatus used in a group call communication system in which communication is performed among a plurality of members belonging to a predetermined group, the apparatus comprising:

reception means for receiving a received signal including data of identifying the group and voice data representing voice, the data of identifying the group replacing original voice data indicative of silence;

detection means for discriminating the voice data and the data of identifying the group in the received signal;

control means for determining whether or not the received signal is to be reproduced, on the basis of the data of identifying the group; and

reproduction means used when it is determined that the received signal is to be reproduced, for reproducing voice data for voice data sections and for reproducing silence for sections of the data of identifying the group.

15. (Currently Amended) The receiving apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the reception means operates so as to receive a frame signal;

wherein the detection means operates so as to detect predetermined data in a voice signal included in the frame signal;

wherein the reproduction means operates so as to reproduce the voice signal in the frame signal which is received by the reception means, and further to reproduce the predetermined voice when data of identifying the group data is detected by the detection means; and

wherein the control means executes operates to execute processing based on the data of identifying the group detected by the detection means.

16. (Previously Presented) The receiving apparatus according to claim 15, wherein a predetermined control flag which shows the presence of the data of identifying the group is set in the frame signal; and

wherein the detection means operates so as to detect the data of identifying the group on the basis of the predetermined control flag.